

Amend claim 9 as follows:

9.1 (once amended) [The portable helipad of claim 1,] A portable helipad, comprising

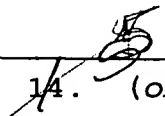
a deck having a top surface, an underside surface, and a peripheral margin;

a plurality of legs depending from the deck for supporting the deck, the plurality of legs comprising at least one extensible leg;

and a plurality of leg braces, at least one leg brace extending from each one of the plurality of legs to an attachment means within an associated zone of attachment on the underside surface of the deck, said zone being defined for each such leg by the region that lies between the top of such leg and a boundary that is substantially equidistant from the top of that leg and the top of the nearest other leg, said zone not extending beyond the boundary of equidistance between that leg and the nearest other leg.

wherein each extensible leg comprises an upper segment secured to the deck, and a lower extensible segment longitudinally adjustable relative to the upper segment, and wherein at least one of the plurality of leg braces is extensible, each said extensible leg brace extending from the lower extensible segment of an extensible leg to its associated attachment means.

Amend claim 14 as follows:

 14. (once amended) [The portable helipad of claim 11,] A portable helipad, comprising

a deck having a top surface, an underside surface, and
a peripheral margin;

a plurality of legs depending from the deck for
supporting the deck, the plurality of legs comprising
at least one extensible leg;

and a plurality of leg braces, at least one leg brace
extending from each one of the plurality of legs to an
attachment means within an associated zone of
attachment on the underside surface of the deck, said
zone being defined for each such leg by the region
that lies between the top of such leg and a boundary
that is substantially equidistant from the top of that
leg and the top of the nearest other leg, said zone not
extending beyond the boundary of equidistance between
that leg and the nearest other leg,

wherein the legs and leg braces are releasably secured to
the deck by pin means, in order that the portable helipad
may be rapidly assembled and disassembled without the use of
tools, and wherein the extensible legs and extensible leg
braces are adjustable by pin means, in order that the
portable helipad may rapidly be adjusted to suit the terrain
upon which it is set without the use of tools.

In the Drawings:

Replace the drawings filed on 15 January 1998 with the appended formal drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8, 11, and 15 to 31 have been cancelled in response to the Examiner's rejection of these claims as being anticipated or obvious in order to permit the economical and expedient allowance of this application. This amendment is made without prejudice to the applicant's right to seek patent protection for the subject matter of claims 1 to 8, 11, and 15 to 31 in a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

Claim 9 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original claim 1 in compliance with the Examiner's suggestion. Claims 10, 12, and 13 depend from new claim 9 as amended, and are unchanged from those filed on 15 January 1998. Claim 14 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original claims 1 and 11 in compliance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The drawings filed on 15 January 1998 have been amended as follows:

1. The margins of Figures 1 and 2 have been re-sized and are now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 (g).